

The significance of this year cannot be stressed enough. This 150th Anniversary, under the national theme: "Living the Legacy: Women's Rights Movement 1948-1998" should be widely recognized and celebrated throughout the year and into the future.●

TRIBUTE TO BETSY STEVENS OF THE CAPE COD CHAPTER OF THE RED CROSS

● Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, it is a privilege to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Betsy Stevens, who recently retired as Disaster Chairman for the Cape Cod Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Betsy Stevens has served with great distinction in this position for the past six years. One of her most impressive achievements was hosting the recent Eastern Disaster Conference. Over 200 Red Cross disaster volunteers from the Eastern United States attended this conference hosted by the Cape Cod Chapter.

In her capacity as Chairman, Mrs. Stevens did an excellent job organizing and training volunteers to provide services to the victims of disasters. During her tenure, Red Cross volunteers responded to disasters such as the Oklahoma City bombing, the hurricane in Guam, and the paralyzing ice storm in Maine.

On Cape Cod, Betsy Stevens was renowned for her availability to deal with sudden crises at all hours. She responded to fires and airplane crashes, and manned shelters during severe storms. She was skillful in recruiting shop owners to donate goods and services. She found emergency housing for victims and served countless holiday dinners. She deserves great credit for the exceptional readiness and high quality of the Red Cross volunteers of the Cape Cod Chapter. Her leadership will be greatly missed, but she has the gratitude of all of us for the job she did so well. ●

GIRL SCOUTS OF THE U.S.A. GOLD AWARD

● Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, today I would like to salute several outstanding young women who have earned the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. Gold Award. All are members of the Red Lands Council of Girl Scouts in Oklahoma City, OK.

These outstanding young women will be honored on April 30, 1998, for earning the highest achievement award in Girl Scouting. The Girl Scout Gold Award symbolizes the outstanding accomplishments in the areas of leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development. The Girl Scout Award can be earned by girls ages 14-17 or in grades 9-12.

Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., an organization serving over 2.5 million girls, has awarded more than 25,000 Girl Scout Gold Awards to Senior Girl Scouts since the inception of the program in 1980. To receive the award, a

Girl Scout must fulfill five requirements: earn four interest project patches, earn the Career Exploration pin, earn the Senior Girl Scout Challenge, and design and implement a Girl Scout Gold Award Project. A plan for fulfilling the requirements of the award is created by the Senior Girl Scout and carried out through close cooperation between the girl and an adult Girl Scout volunteer.

The names and projects of the young women receiving the Girl Scout Gold Award are as follows:

Mary Foster put up a fence, cleaned up and fixed headstones in her community cemetery.

Laura Hubbard made a camp song book and set up a workshop to teach children and adults.

Taneya Hamlin made a take-home booklet for children to learn about nature. She achieved this by designing and drawing an activity/coloring book for young visitors to Martin Park Nature Center.

Rebecca Shappie provided a method to raise money for scholarships for kids to go to camp.

Christina Hammond, Carrie Heaton, and Sara Brannan, designed an Erosion Control Project at Lake Keystone which will benefit present and future generations.

Patricia Bardick designed a program called "Babies, Bears and Books."

Jennifer Hall designed a program called "Boredom Buster and Beauty Bags" for the Baptist Children's Home.

Parthenia Harding, Erica Hill, Nina Holman, Jamila Jones and Rachel Landry-Gators set up and taught a basic American Red Cross course at an elementary school.

Michelle Lambertus created "Huggable Gingerbread," a puppet show for children in the hospital.

Joelle Parrot and Jamie Smith organized and staffed a community blood drive.

The earning of the Girl Scout Gold Award is a major accomplishment for these young women, and I believe they should receive the public recognition due them for this significant service to their community and their country.●

CONGRATULATIONS TO C. VIVIAN STRINGER AND THE SCARLET KNIGHTS

● Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate the Rutgers University women's basketball coach, C. Vivian Stringer, and her team for their excellent success this past season when the Scarlet Knights made it to the NCAA Tournament.

Even though Rutgers didn't make it to the NCAA Final Four, losing to the Tennessee Lady Volunteers 92-60, Vivian and the talented young women whom she has recruited and cultivated are champions to all New Jerseyans.

Vivian began her career building the fledgling women's basketball program at Cheyney State in Pennsylvania, bringing the team to the NCAA Championship game in 1982. She moved on to Iowa State, where for nine consecutive

seasons she brought her team to the NCAA Tournament. And then she landed at Rutgers.

As one most respected head coaches in women's basketball history, Vivian has been named National Coach of the Year three times by her peers, as well as getting Coach of the Year awards from Sports Illustrated, USA Today, Naismith and the Black Coaches Association.

So Vivian's success at Rutgers, however remarkable, is not unexpected. Before this year, the Scarlet Knights had not been to the NCAA Tournament since 1994. A recent news article in Newark, New Jersey's Star-Ledger describes the reasons behind Vivian's thriving tenure best, I think. It said that Vivian, now in her third season: "pumped Rutgers with fresh talent and a distaste for mediocrity, a combination that has triggered the Scarlet Knights' rise and surge through the NCAA Tournament."

Vivian has worked hard to recruit gifted women, instill discipline in practice and competition, and most importantly, inspire self-confidence among the players. The women attracted to the Rutgers basketball program all excelled in their high school years and have a strong desire to contribute to the game at a college level. The number of awards that the players on the team have received individually is part of an impressive collection, with honors such as Parade all-American, Rookies of the Year, Gatorade Player of the Year, and Sports Illustrated "Faces in the Crowd."

Again, I congratulate Vivian on her hard work and the ambitious young women who play for her. I wish them continued success.●

TRIBUTE TO MR. WALTER M. HAUKE, JR.

● Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, the Knights of Columbus recently honored Mr. Walter Hauke, Jr. for his contributions as the State Advocate over the past two years. I rise today to recognize Mr. Hauke and to discuss some of his outstanding contributions to his community.

A resident of Plymouth Township, Pennsylvania, Walter has taken a very active role in local affairs. Over the past 25 years, Walter has been a cornerstone of the Knights of Columbus. In fact, he has held all of the top offices in the organization. In addition, he has served as member of the Conshohocken Zoning Board, assisted in the Conshohocken Soap Box Derby, and served as a Scout Master. Furthermore, I would note that he earned a degree in accounting by attending evening classes at St. Joseph's University.

By all accounts, Walter is a dedicated husband and father. He and his wife, Carol, were blessed with four children—two sons and two daughters. They are also proud grandparents.